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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of



Inventor(s) : Shoji HAYAKAWA
Application No. : 10/552,619
Filed : August 31, 2006
For : PIPE CONNECTING STRUCTURE
Examiner : James M. Hewitt
Group Art Unit : 3679

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 6, 2007

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17 and §1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed on August 9, 2007, which set forth a three-month period for response. This petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for response to December 9, 2007.

A check for \$120.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS) for this one-month extension of time fee is enclosed herewith.

In the event this paper or any paper filed herewith is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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